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Voters face several local questions on Aug. 2 ballot

The Aug. 2 primary election ballot will include candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties seeking to continue their campaigns and move forward onto the Nov. 8 ballot.

In addition to the Wayne County, State of Michigan and federal terms on the ballot in various communities, there are several local questions voters will be asked to consider. Voters are reminded by local clerks to complete both sides of the ballot.

BELLEVILLE, VAN BUREN, SUMPTER:

Voters in these three communities will be asked to approve the levy of 0.6864 on taxable property in geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library. The millage request is for 15 years, 2022 until 2036 and will provide funds for library operating purposes. The revenue collected, if voters approve the request, is expected to total $1,189,137. This millage restores the levy that expired in 2021.

NORTHVILLE CITY AND TOWNSHIP:

In both the City and Township of Northville, voters will also be asked to approve a renewal of a 0.18955 against taxable property. The renewal is for 10 years, 2023 until 2032 and will be used for general library operating purposes. The millage will generate an estimated $524,519 in 2023. Of that, an estimated $11,195 will be disbursed to the Northville Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which is revenue from properties located with the district of that authority. The previous library millage was 0.2 mills.

ROMULUS:

Voters will be asked to continue the levy not to exceed 4 mills for 5 years to fund public safety services including police and fire protection in the community. This continued levy would be effective from 2024 through 2028.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:

Voters will be asked to approve a 2 mill levy to fund the township police and fire departments. The 2 mill levy will continue for 4 years, starting this year and continuing through 2025 and be dedicated to funding police protection, operations and maintenance of the Sumpter Township Police Department. The millage is estimated to generate $765,000 the first year it is levied. The previous, expired levy was reduced to $1.96088.

Sumpter Township voters will also be asked to renew an expired 1 mill public safety millage dedicated to funding the Sumpter Township Police Department. The expired millage had been reduced to .98044 mills. The renewal would generate approximately $382,500 the first year dedicated to funding police operations and maintenance.

WAYNE COUNTY:

Wayne County is asking voters to continue a 2021 millage, first authorized by voters in 2012, of .9358 mill, or about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation for another 10 years. The revenue from the renewal of the millage will be used to operate the Wayne County juvenile jail or detention facilities and adult penalty options. At least one tenth of the revenue from the millage must be used to acquire, build and operated a juvenile offender work/training institution.

The renewal is estimated to generate about $45,074,507 in tax revenue this year.

Voters must vote a straight party ticket during the Aug. 2 primary.

That is, all Democratic or Republican candidates to move on to the Nov. 8 ballot. Votes cannot be split between parties or the ballot will not be counted. Voters should complete both sides of the ballot.

Absentee ballots are still available from clerks' offices

> *Absentee ballots requested the day before the election or on Election Day must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.*

Absentee ballots for the Tuesday, Aug. 2 statewide primary election have already been mailed to voters who applied to vote absentee. The ballots are also available at the offices of local municipal clerks in local city and township hall buildings.

Following voter approval of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

Check voter registration status at Michigan Voter Information Center Michigan.gov/Vote

"Voters have numerous secure options for how to cast their ballots this August," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "Whether they choose to vote from home, by mail, via secure drop box, in person by absentee ballot at their local clerk's office, or at their polling location on Election Day, Michigan voters can be confident their vote will be counted and their voice will be heard."

Voters may request an absent voter ballot or accessible voter ballot in a variety of ways. Voters can complete an online application at Michigan.gov/Vote or submit an application, large print application, letter, or postcard at their local clerk's office. Find local clerk's addresses at Michigan.gov/Vote. Requests for absent voter ballots may be returned may be returned by hand, via postal mail, fax or email, as long as a signature is visible.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. Those already registered to vote at their current address can request an absent voter ballot in person at the local clerk's office anytime until 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. This ballot must be completed at the clerk's office. Those who need to register to vote or update their address by appearing at the clerk's office on Election Day, can request an absent voter ballot at the time of registration. Absentee ballots requested the day before the election or on Election Day must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

Once a ballot request is received by the local clerk, voter's signature on the request will be checked against voter registration records before a ballot is issued. Only registered voters are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot, but residents can register and apply for an absent voter ballot at the same time. Requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately. Absent voter ballots may be issued to voters at their home address or any address outside of their city or township of residence.

After receiving an absent voter ballot, voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Ballots will not be counted unless voter's signature is on the return envelope and matches the signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only the voter, a family member or person residing in the same household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver signed absent voter ballot to the clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents a voter from reaching the polls on Election Day, an emergency absent voter ballot can be requested. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible to apply for a regular absent voter ballot.

Voters on the permanent absentee list were mailed applications by their local clerk and some clerks mailed applications to all registered voters in their jurisdiction. Regardless of if they have received an application in the mail, voters can apply to vote absentee at Michigan.gov/Vote. At the same site, voters who have

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Northville

On stage

Tipping point presents 'Tracy Jones'

What's in a name? Audiences at the latest Tipping Point theatre production of Tracy Jones may find out during performances of Stephen Kaplan's new work.

Heroine Tracy Jones has always wished that she didn't share a full name with almost 7,000 other individuals in the U.S. alone. If only she could have been born with a name like Constance Rumplemeyer then her life would be just as different and exciting as her name. In a last-ditch effort for human connection, she seeks comfort from the many individuals who seem to have being 'Tracy Jones' all figured out by announcing a party for those who share the same name. The party date has arrived, the 189 women named Tracy Jones in her state were invited, and mass marketing was implemented in as many ways as she could imagine. Tracy finds herself awaiting the arrival of her guests at the Jones Street: Bar & Grill, anxious for answers and some solace to her seemingly lost individuality.

Tracy Jones will continue through Sunday, July 24. Tickets are on sale now through the box office at (248)347-0003 or online at www.TippingPointTheatre.com. Discounts include $2 off for seniors and military with students 26 years or younger able to purchase tickets for just $10. Groups of 15 or more receive a $3 discount that can be combined with the senior rate for a total of $5 off. Current Covid-19 policies require properly fitted masks to be worn at all times in the intimate space for the safety of the artists on the stage.

Tracy Jones learns what is in a name at the latest production of Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

Art House hosting exhibit of 'en plein air' paintings

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St, will present the City of Northville: Plein Air Paint Out & Exhibition featuring artworks created outdoors and within the city limits of Northville. Up to 40 artists are invited on a first-come first-serve basis to capture en plein air, a French phrase meaning "in the open air," the historic buildings, Victorian-era architecture, intriguing landmarks, and scenic parks in Northville. The public is encouraged to watch the artists paint at various locations throughout the city and historic downtown during the Paint Out set for July 22 - 24, then view the completed artworks at the exhibition. The exhibition opens with a Live @ 5 Event, from 5 until 8 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and continues through Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Northville Art House.

Artist registration is $35 and open until the maximum of 40 artists is reached. Northville residences and businesses can be a part of the city-wide event through sponsorship and by granting permission to the artists to capture their property. A list of participating artists and their locations at the Paint-Out will be posted on Facebook @Northville Art House and the Art House website, www.northvillearthouse.org. Live @ 5 tickets are $35 and include light fare, live music featuring Downriver Dan, two drinks at the cash bar, and 10 percent off the purchase of any artwork during the event. Visit www.northvillearthouse.org/liveat5 or call (248) 344-0497 for tickets and more information. Plein Air Paint Kits are also available at $20 for all aspiring artists who want to paint outdoors like the pros.

Community sponsors this year include Corriveau Law, KB Jewelers, Stampeddler Plus, New Hope Center for Grief Support, and The Northville Gallery, as well as reception partners Garage Grill & Fuel Bar and Detroit Vineyards. The exhibition is free to view during gallery hours of 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Northville Township Clerk Roger Lundberg administers the oath of office to the newest Northville Police Ofc. Mark Foster during official ceremonies at township hall.

New police is officer welcomed

Northville Township Clerk Roger Lundberg administered the oath of office to the newest Northville Police Ofc. Mark Foster recently. The official ceremony took place at township hall and was witnessed by Foster's family and friends along with township officials.

Foster spend seven years as a full-time officer with the Richfield Township Police Department where he also served as a T.E.A.M. instructor, teaching, educating and mentoring young students on safety, responsible citizenship and positive character traits, officials said.

Foster was also employed for five years as a part-time officer with the Davison City Police and the Village of Otisville Police Department for one year.

While completing his general education credits at Mott Community College, Foster played on the college golf team, which made nationals both his freshman and sophomore years. He then transferred to Oakland University, where he completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, while with playing on the Oakland NCAA Division 1 golf team.

After graduation in 2014, Foster enrolled in the Mott Community College LERTA Police Academy. Upon successful completion of the police academy, Foster started his first police job with Mott Community College Public Safety. A few months later, he joined Richfield Township Police.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,& 12 for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election is scheduled for

Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA).
Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's Office by writing or calling the following:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Romulus, Michigan
August 2, 2022 Primary Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022. **THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot:
Governor, Representative in Congress (District 13), State Senator (District 4), Representative in State Legislature (District 26) for Precincts 1,3,5,6,7,8,9, & 10, Representative in State Legislature (District 29) for Precincts 2 & 4, Representative in State Legislature (District 31) for Precincts 11 & 12, County Executive, County Sheriff, County Commissioner (District 11), Delegate to County Convention

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION J
JAILS MILLAGE RENEWAL
To renew the millage authorized in 2012, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2021 rollback rate of .9358 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2022 through 2031) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanant, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate approximately $45,074,507 in property tax revenue in 2022.
[ ] Yes [ ] No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, and (734) 942-7540.

ROMULUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE
Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended to continue the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem property tax in an amount not to exceed four (4) mills for five (5) years, from 2024 through 2028, for fire and police services?
[ ] Yes [ ] No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7540.

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk's Office in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

The following are the locations designated as voting places for the said Election in the City of Romulus:

1, 7 & 10	Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
2 & 4	Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
3, 8, & 9	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
5	Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Street
6	West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Drive
11	Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road
12	Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road
	(All located in Romulus, MI)

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may obtain an application for an absentee voter ballot by visiting or contacting the Romulus City Clerk's Office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7540, elections@romulusgov.com.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, MiPMC, CMC
Romulus City Clerk

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SUMPTER - INKSTER

Supervisor, trustees condemn reported comments

Sumpter Township officials publicly expressed their fury and frustration at the allegations of racism and incorrect reporting recently published in a local newspaper.

The issue which has simmered among the officials for weeks, came to a boil during a July 12 board meeting when Supervisor Tim Bowman threatened legal action against a local newspaper which had published accusations of racism leveled at him by Trustee Peggy Morgan. Morgan accused Bowman of being racially prejudiced against Nelson Po based on his Filipino heritage during a loud and contentious confrontation following a meeting June 23.

Bowman responded during an earlier meeting that he considered Morgan's shouted allegations a "verbal assault." He explained that her claims were completely without basis as his son-in-law is Filipino as is his 2-year-old granddaughter.

During the meeting last week, Bowman's son-in-law Tyler Thomas, who is of Filipino heritage, spoke to the board.

Thomas told the board how significantly Bowman had changed his life and brought him to Sumpter when he was "homeless with parents who didn't care what I did.That man changed my life. When you call somebody that (racist) you're not just hurting Tim Bowman. He owns his own business which I work for, which I one day will take over. The business that has been in his family for generations. When you say stuff like that you are ruining that for my future and my family.

"The generation we live in now is the cancel generation. People will shut you down completely. You will not be in business," with remarks like that, he said.

Later in the meeting, Bowman, visibly emotional, spoke about the damage the publication of the allegation did to him and his family, directing his comments to Morgan.

"That was a very bad thing to say. You hurt my family, you hurt me. You've hurt everything about us. That's going to stick with me for a lifetime when somebody Googles my name, that's going to come up. I am not a racist person, never have been," Bowman said.

The issue erupted in June following discussion of a developer's attempt to secure the approval of two members of the board for a proposed project. Trustee Matt Oddy said he deliberately withheld the name of the developer involved in an effort to avoid any misunderstanding or gossip about what took place. He and Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush told the board that the meeting was immediately curtailed when it became obvious the developer's plan was dependent on a marijuana facility. Sumpter Township officials have twice voted against opting into the Michigan Medical Marijuana Licensing Agreement. Rush and Oddy said they ended all discussion with the developers when this became a topic and urged them to bring their proposal to the full board of trustees.

Oddy stressed that he was only recounting the meeting in an attempt to thwart any rumors or misinterpretation.

Following adjournment of that meeting, however, Morgan angrily accosted Bowman and publicly accused him of racism regarding the proposed development. She also shouted at Rush and township attorney Rob Young during her tirade. At a meeting June 28 Morgan admitted to the outburst saying she "was angry."

From left, seated, are Township Clerk Esther Hurst, Supervisor Tim Bowman and Treasurer Vincent Warren. Standing from left are Trustee Tim Rush, Trustee Peggy Morgan and Trustee Matt Oddy. Not pictured is Trustee Don LaPorte who was excused from the July 12 meeting. Photo by David Willett.

Morgan claimed the refusal of the board to name the developers was based on prejudice against Po. That claim was later printed in a local newspaper, which prompted the ire and denials from officials, who had repeatedly gone on record that Po was not at the meeting and that he was not involved in the project.

During the meeting last week, Oddy proposed the board officially request a retraction or correction from the newspaper regarding the article. He reiterated that board members had repeatedly explained that Po was not involved in the project prior to publication of the article in question.

"You printed that not only Mr. Bowman but Mr. Young (township attorney Rob Young) were perpetrating a discriminatory act against Nelson Po," he said. "There is not more of a vile act than to attack somebody's character like that where, like Mr. Bowman said, it will be there forever."

Oddy continued with a list of multiple erroneous and sensationalized stories about members of the board of trustees and past officials, including a racially insulting cartoon of a former supervisor, insulting cartoons about the police chief and various financial misdeeds officials were falsely accused of committing that were reported in the publication.

"These unwarranted, unjust attacks not only harm the individual targeted, but it harms our community, harms businesses, harms employees trying to look for jobs here. When they read the supervisor or attorney in the township is a racist, why would they want to come to his community?" Oddy demanded.

Rush said he believed the publication of the misinformation was a "deliberate attack on the community. Nobody could be that ignorant," he said. Rush took legal action against the newspaper last year and received an undisclosed financial settlement.

Young, too, said he was "shocked" at the publication of such an allegation despite the repeated past conduct of the newspaper. "I don't care what you say about me, but to criticise that man (Bowman)?" he said.

"To make that kind of statement, that's about the sickest, vilest thing I've ever heard," he said.

Bowman, obviously overcome with emotion, said that both the newspaper and Morgan could expect to be "talking to a lawyer very soon. You're not getting away with it. You're not ruining my life.You're not degrading me in front of my family."

Inkster library awarded $1.2 million in new state budget

The Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster and Welcome Center is scheduled to receive $1.2 million as part of the $76.7 billion recently approved Michigan state budget.

The new budget will become effective Oct. 1, but no date for funding the library and welcome center was announced.

Michigan State Sen. Betty Jean Alexander (D-Detroit) said she was very pleased with the allocations for funding in her district.

"This historic budget reflects the needs of all our communities, not only in Detroit and Southeast Michigan, but across the state. I'm proud to have fought to ensure millions go toward our most vulnerable, including children and the elderly, as we strive to lift everyone in our neighborhoods.

"With more funding than ever going to areas like education and mental health, this budget makes clear that my Democratic colleagues and I are focused on the priorities of everyday Michiganders. By making smart investments today, we can ensure a safe, equitable future for our children and generations to come. I'm grateful for the hard work that went into the 2023 budget, and I look forward to seeing these critical investments improve the lives of residents in my district and throughout Michigan."

Other funding in the budget for the 5th Senate District includes: $51 million for Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network; $15 million for a Wayne County mental health crisis center; $950,000 for Playworks Michigan in Detroit for outdoor programs for children; $500,000 for their day treatment and respite care programs and $250,000 for sidewalk repairs at Handy Park and Claude Allison Park in Redford.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022
STATE OF MICHIGAN
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a State Primary Election will be held in the Township of Sumpter, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, at which time the following offices are to be voted on in Wayne County:

- State of Michigan Governor
- United States Representative in Congress 6th District
- United States Legislative State Senator 4th District
- United States Representative in State Legislature 31st District
- County Executive
- County Sheriff
- County Commissioner 11th District
- Sumpter Township Treasurer
- Delegate to County Convention

PROPOSALS;

Jails Millage Renewal-To renew the millage authorized in 2012, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2021 rollback rate of .9358 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2022 through 2031) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanant, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate approximately $45,074,507 in property tax revenue in 2022.

Police Protection Millage Renewal (1 mills)–Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township, of 1 mill ($1.00 per $1, 000 of taxable value), reduced to .98044 mills ($.98044 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mills ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2022 through 2025 inclusive, for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated $382,500.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

Police Protection Millage Renewal (2 mills)-Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township, of 2 mills ($2.00 per $1, 000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.96088 mills ($1.96088 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2 mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2022 through 2025 inclusive, for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, raising an estimated $765,000.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

District Library Operating Millage Proposal-This proposal will allow the District Library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 0.6864 mill ($0.6864 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 15 years, 2022 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately $1,189,137 (this restores millage that expired with the 2021 tax levy)?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that sample ballots shall also be available by precinct at the Clerk's Office.

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, will be as follows:
Precincts 1 and 2: Sumpter Community Center Gymnasium, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Precincts 3 and 4: Fire Station #1, 20550 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Sumpter Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of the Sumpter Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 2 & 3 for the Primary Election is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sumpter Township Community Gymnasium, located at 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.
All polling locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), or for any further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan, 48111, or call (734) 461-6201, prior to Election Day.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee voter ballots are now available from the Office of the Township Clerk, 23480 Sumpter Road for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.
This notice is given by order of the Township of Sumpter, State of Michigan and published in accordance with Section 168.653a of the Michigan Compiled Election Law, as amended.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Township of Sumpter

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 2, 2022

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in Northville Township on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the following locations:

Precinct 1	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precinct 2	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precinct 3	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Precinct 5	Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 6	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester
Precinct 7	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin
Precinct 8	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precinct 10	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Precinct 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin

For the purposes of electing a candidate to the following offices:

- State - Governor
- Congressional - Representative in Congress 6th District
- Legislative - State Senator 13th District
- Legislative - Representative in State Legislature
  - 22nd District for precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12
  - 23rd District for precincts 4, 10, 11
- County - County Executive
- County - Sheriff
- County - County Commissioner 9th District
- Delegate to County Convention

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all Northville Township residents will be voting on the following:

- Wayne County - Proposition J - Jails Millage Renewal
  - To renew the millage authorized in 2012, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2021 rollback rate of .9358 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2022 through 2031) for any of the following previously authorized uses:
    To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanant, or juvenile incarceration of detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate approximately $45,074,507 in property tax revenue in 2022.
- District Library - Northville District Library Millage Renewal
  - Shall the Northville District Library's previously voted millage of 0.200 mills ($0.200 per $1,000 of taxable value), which has been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 0.18955 mills, be renewed at 0.18955 mills ($0.18955 per $1,000 of taxable value), and levied for ten (10) years, beginning in 2023 and through 2032 inclusive, for general library operating purposes, raising an estimated $524,519.00 in 2023, of which an estimated $11,195.00 will be disbursed to the Northville Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as being collected only from all properties located within the Authority's district, as required by law?

44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48168. Sample ballots can also be found at the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Roger Lundberg
Northville Township Clerk
(248) 348-5825

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Canton

Suspects are arrested in fatal roadway shooting

A woman has been arrested in the fatal shooting that took place in Canton Township June 10.

Maria Phillips, 33, has been arraigned before Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court on charges of accessory after the fact to a felony. She was remanded to the Wayne County Jail on a $500,000 cash bond which has not been posted. A second suspect in the shooting has been arrested in Illinois on a homicide warrant related to this case, police said. Extradition to Michigan of this suspect is pending, according to prosecutors. The charges stem from an incident reported to Canton police at 5:18 p.m. June 19 along Haggerty Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. Police indicated the shooting may have been related to a traffic incident. The victim, a 37-year-old man from Belleville, sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was transported in critical condition to a local hospital where he died.

Witnesses told police the shooter was a man driving a 2013-2017 gray Chevrolet Equinox which was seen traveling northbound on Haggerty Road. Initial police reports indicated the possibility of a second vehicle involved, described as a newer model white Dodge Ram pickup truck with black trim.

Rally on Ridge event will benefit Farmers Market

The eighth annual Rally on Ridge is set for 4 until 9 p.m. this Saturday, July 23.

The event is a benefit for the Canton Farmers Market and will take place on and around the grounds of Cheery Hill School.

In addition to gourmet menu items available for purchase from a variety of food trucks, the fundraiser will also feature live music performed by the Cancel Monday band. Those who plan to stay for the music are encouraged to bring along a lawn chair or picnic blanket.

A variety of food trucks are expected to take part in the event, including: Brava Empanada - Empanadas; Chutney Cat - Indian; Detroit House of Mac - Gourmet Mac n Cheese; DeutschTroit - German; Frios Gourmet Pops - Gourmet Popsicles; Impasto - Italian Inspired Wraps; Little Kahuna Shave Ice - Shaved Ice; Little Lou's Hot Chicken - Hot Chicken Tenders & Sandwiches; Maraschinos Pub - Pizza & Hot Dogs; Meltdown Creamery - Ice Cream; Sisters on a Roll - Vegan Hibachi Bowls; The Grub Gourmet - Grilled Cheese & Donuts; The Hoagie Roll - Sandwiches; Whoa! Chinese - Chinese; and Whoa! Tacos - Mexican.

In addition to food trucks, a Beer Garden featuring beer and hard cider selections will also be available for participants 21 years of age. Discounted pre-sale beer tickets will be available online at www.cantonfun. org through 5 p.m. tomorrow, July 22, and will include five tickets for $15 by entering Rally on Ridge under register for programs.

Day-of-event tickets will be available onsite for $5 per ticket or four for $20.

"We're hoping that individuals take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy a pleasant summer evening outside with some delicious eats from a fantastic lineup of gourmet food trucks, as well as talented local entertainment," said Jennifer Franz, Canton health and wellness specialist. "This annual event remains popular because it's the perfect combination of delicious eats, cool beverages, and a night full of fun entertainment."

A portion of the proceeds collected from food vendor sales during this special fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating the 16th season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and customers. The market continues to expand and remains open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 23, 2022, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton.

Additional parking will be available at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. No admission is needed to attend the event. For additional information visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Teen safety seminar set for Saturday at Summit in Canton

The Canton Police Department is partnering with Canton Leisure Services to present a Personal Safety for Your Teen and College-Bound Student seminar from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 23. This special presentation will take place at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This free seminar is open to participants 14 years of age and older. Participants will learn some basic life-skills that will help them make the transition into adulthood, be it in dorm life or as a high school student, officials said.

Topics presented during this seminar include: dorm room safety; social media dangers; the importance of knowing one's surroundings and how to be a good witness, as well as what to do if you fall victim to a crime.

There is no cost for this seminar, however registration is encouraged. Learn tips and strategies on how to keep students safe on and off campus. Registration is available online at www.cantonfun.org with code SE1302.

For additional information or to register for this class, visit www.cantonfun.org, or call (734) 394-5460.

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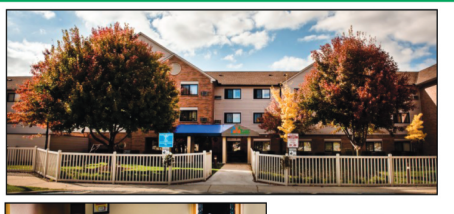
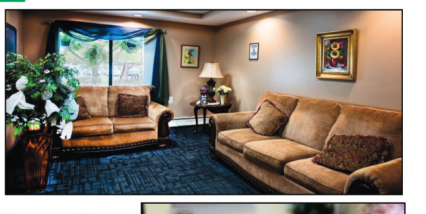

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Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth projects include:
• Building three playground structures at Kiwanis Park including a pergola, shrubs and landscaping • Organizing the annual Fourth of July Parade • Purchasing kids' fire helmets for Fire Department to give away • Conducting the Pancake Breakfast at the Fall Festival annually • Collecting parking fees at city events and splitting proceeds with the city • Kiwanis has donated nearly $10,000 to the Plymouth Library for a Teen Zone • Donated $4,000 and labor at the PARC rain gardens and will paint two buildings near the PARC football field • Annual Christmas decorations at Tonquish Manor • Purchased chairs, display racks and a video system for the Friendship Station • Purchased laptops for the Council on Aging • Purchased a new dishwasher for the Historical Society • Painted the display area and halls at the Arts Council building •Extensive work with both the Salvation Army and United Way Make a Difference Day • Annual support of Opportunity House, the PCCS Clothing Bank, the SJ5K and the Plymouth Goodfellows.

Are you ready to help our community thrive, prosper and grow?
We invite you to join the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.
To contact Kiwanis Club President Jack Schwartz, send an email to presidentplymouthnoonkiwanis@gmail.com or leave a message at (734) 765-0502.
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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Softball showdown

Police outrun firefighters for title

Members of the Westland Police Department softball team put out the flames of rival players on the Westland Fire Department during the annual "Battle of the Badges" Charity Softball Game and Homerun Derby last weekend.

Police "Bacon Boomers," snuck by with a win over fire department "Too Hot to Handle" players during the home run derby.

The winners were determined by the last play of the game, with the "Bacon Boomers" executing a perfect relay throw from the outfield to throw out the potential game tying run at the plate that wasn't "Too Hot to Handle" to end the game 14-13.

The "Bacon Boomers" weren't the only winners of the game, the WYAA Baseball received proceeds from the game, which came from food and beverage sales and a healthy 50/50 drawing during which the winner took only a portion of the money and donated the remainder.

Both departments brought emergency vehicles for the young visitors to enjoy and provided demonstrations from both the fire and police squads.

Councilman Mike Londeau acted as the game announcer and Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan handled home plate umpiring. Gavin Sampey handled the bases while Councilwoman Melissa Sampey spearheaded the 50/50 ticket sales with the help of Council President Jim Hart, Councilman Jim Godbout, and Councilman Mike McDermott.

The organizers thanked the event sponsors including: Meijer, Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland, North Brothers Ford, T's Tacos, Westland Professional Fire Fighters Union, Westland Police Officers Union, and the Westland LSA Union.

On the job

Heather Holcomb was sworn in as a police officer for the City of Wayne Police Department at a recent meeting of the Wayne City Council. Holcomb joins the Wayne force with more than 15 years of law enforcement experience, officials said. She took her official oath of office administered by City Clerk Tina M. Parnell and was introduced to the officials by Police Chief Ryan Strong.

Mosquito abatement set

Westland officials are taking action against some of the worst pests in the city.

The city will begin the summer mosquito abatement program this week in an effort to control the pesky insects. Officials said the continued summer rains have resulted in standing water in the city sewer system and the abatement program is designed to eliminate mosquito larvae in sewer systems before hatching.

> *The treatment has been approved by Michigan EGLE, (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.*

Armed with 10,000 total treatment kits, staff from the city department of public service will apply Natural G30 WSP Spinosad Briquettes / pouches to 7,300 catch basins and ditches that may pose as a potential mosquito breeding ground in the community. The remaining 2,700 treatment kits will be available to homeowners associations, parks and other potential hot spots, officials said.

"The City of Westland is committed to keeping our residents healthy and safe. With the ongoing rain events in southeast Michigan, taking action against mosquitoes will help each resident enjoy Michigan's summers and the amenities offered by our city," said Mayor William R. Wild.

The treatment has been approved by Michigan EGLE, (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), and will not harm water surface water quality.

For more information, call (734) 467-3200.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2022 for the following:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
August 11, 2022

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Vicki Welty, John Badeen, Alan Okon, Clarence Lee, Aaron Tassell
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda
August 11, 2022

Approval of Minutes:
July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicants John and Kelly Cutright for property located at 825 Revere St., which is located south of Cherry Hill Road between Denton Rd. and Ridge Rd. (Parcel ID 074-08-0011-000), Zoning RR, Rural Residential, with Cherry Hill Village Overlay. Requesting a variance from the following section of the Township Code of Ordinances: Section 78-129 (g). All borders, fences, or walls shall be constructed on the property line; provided, however, that if the applicant is unable to obtain the written, notarized consent of the adjacent property owner to construct the fence on the property line, the fence shall be constructed three feet inside the applicant's property line. The applicants propose to construct the fence on the property line without obtaining written, notarized consent of the adjacent property owner.

2. Applicants Patrick and Lisa Lyons for property located at 1020 Terrell Ct., which is located west of Lilley Rd. and south of Saltz Rd. (Parcel ID 053-04-0263-000), Zoning R-5, Single Family Residential. Requesting variances from the following sections of the Township Code of Ordinances: Section 78-129(h) for a fence located in a front yard setback area; Section 78-131(4)(b) for a fence on a corner lot located in a front yard setback area; and Section 2.09(A)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance for a fence located in a required 25-foot clear vision triangular area.

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road on the following proposed Special Land Use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

MEDICAL OFFICE – Consider request for Special Land Use approval for a medical office/clinic/laboratory (Section 22.02(B)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance) on parcel no. 71-046-99-0002-012 (6840 Haggerty Rd.). The parcel is zoned LI, Light Industrial District, and is located on the east side of Haggerty Rd. and north of Warren Rd.

Public comments may be made during the meeting. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to patrick.sloan@cantonmi.gov or delivered to the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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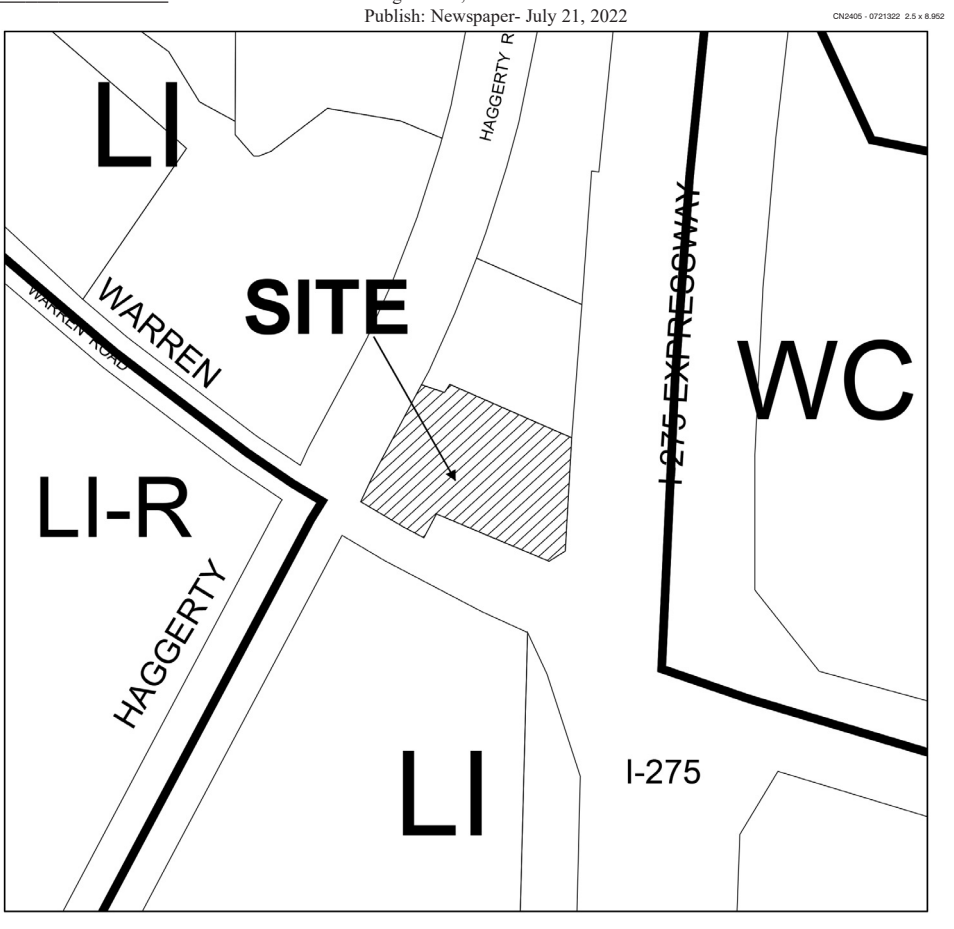

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Zoning

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RA RURAL AGRICULTURAL	R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL	LI LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL	R-5 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL	LI-R RESEARCH PARK
RE RURAL ESTATE	R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL	C-4 INTERCHANGE SERVICE	GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	MR MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	O-1 OFFICE	
R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	RMH MOBILE HOME PARK	MRD MID-RISE DEVELOPEMENT	

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Plymouth - Romulus

Amazon delivers $1,000 donation to city police

Romulus public safety officers will be a bit safer thanks to a recent donation from Amazon.

Amazon DTW1 Loss Prevention Manager Jennifer Underwood and Procurement Specialist Denzel Raines presented a donation of $1,000 to the Romulus Public Safety Foundation last month. The donation came in response to a month-long community safety campaign which began in April 2022. Funds are used to advance public safety interests such as innovative projects, education, and equipment for Romulus residents, officials explained.

"We are very thankful to the folks at Amazon DTW1 who are very generous to support the Romulus Public Safety Foundation with this donation and even volunteering their time at various foundation events which support public safety awareness," said Kevin Krause, director of fire services and emergency management for the Romulus Fire Department. "Jennifer Underwood from Amazon as well as Mark Estes from US Ecology are newer trustees with the foundation but their involvement has already made a huge impact in the Romulus community. For example a few weeks ago, US Ecology donated meals to Romulus paramedic firefighters for National EMS Week, which Mark coordinated," he added.

> *The donated equipment will be used as a gunshot response kit, survival kit, and individual first aid kit.*

Donations allow the Romulus Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of items like 30 tactical gunshot and trauma response kits which cost nearly $4,500, a foundation spokesman said. Donated funds from Amazon DTW1 offset the increasing cost for tactical kits which were purchased and sent directly to the Romulus Police Department for immediate use. The cost for 30 tactical kits increased by $600 in the three months to collect and raise donation funds to purchase them, he added.

Romulus Police Chief Robert Pfannes said he was "grateful to Amazon and Romulus Public Safety Foundation, that officers will have the equipment available to provide the saving care in the worst case scenarios imaginable." The donated equipment will be used as a gunshot response kit, survival kit, and individual first aid kit. The kit allows for easy one-handed access to supplies in an emergency situation. The pouch is durable and includes a tourniquet, tactical gloves, pressure bandage, gauze, burn dressing, trauma shears, foil blanket, and elastic bandages.

More information about the Romulus Public Safety Foundation is available at https://romuluspsf.square.site or https://www.facebook.com/RomPSF.

$50,000 Dunning grant will fund library technology upgrades

The Plymouth District Library has received a grant of $50,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

Library Director Shauna Anderson said the grant will support significant technology updates in the community meeting rooms. With this grant, the library will update the audio-visual systems in the Walldorf and Dunning meeting rooms to better enable simultaneous online and in-person program participation, she said.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the library moved community programming to an online format, which was "very successful" Anderson said. Once in-library programs returned, it became clear that there are many in the community for whom online programming remains the best option. Creating a simultaneous quality experience for both in-person and remote attendees, however, presented challenges beyond the existing failing technology. The new system will employ sophisticated cameras and microphones that can effectively capture activity in these large spaces for an online audience, making high-quality hybrid programming a reality for our community, she added. Meeting room users will also be able to simply plug in their device to access the full capabilities of the newly installed technology.

"The grant-funded technology updates will allow the library to continue reaching the strong online participation we have seen throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; it will also allow us to offer local nonprofits and community groups who use library meeting rooms the ability to expand their own audience, and create a more connected community," Anderson said.

The new technology is expected to be in place by the first quarter of 2023 - the centennial year. Anderson said the library staff was grateful to Margaret Dunning and the foundation that continues her legacy of incredible support of both the library and the Plymouth community.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning

was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Stolen puppy returned

Rocky has come home, thanks to assistance the public provided to Romulus police detectives.

The puppy, a French bulldog-Boston terrier mix, was returned to his owners Jason and Amber Schlegel after being taken from them at gunpoint during a robbery last month. The owners were lured to a location on Mesa Way in the city in response to a call for emergency locksmith aid. When the couple arrived on the scene, they were confronted by gunmen who demanded cash and tools from their locksmith van. As the two suspects entered a vehicle which arrived to take them from the scene, one of the men grabbed the puppy from his owner's arms.

Romulus police detectives thanked the public for assistance in locating the stolen puppy and reuniting him with his owners. The investigation into the robbery is continuing, they said, and urged anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspects to call (734) 942-8400.

Absentee

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already submitted their application can track that it has been received and track the mailing of their ballot, Benson said.

If a voter has already voted absentee and wishes to change their vote (because the candidate has dropped out of the race, or for any other reason), a voter can spoil their ballot by submitting a written request to their city or township clerk.